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DATE:

March 2, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

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Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

FW: Washington Firm Recalls Frozen Ground Chicken Products That May Contain Foreign

Materials

Suggested Action: Class I Recall; Frozen Ground Chicken Products That May Contain Foreign Mater; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the recalled products were distributed to Trader Joe's supermarkets nationwide. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Washington Firm Recalls Frozen Ground Chicken Products That May Contain Foreign Materials

Recall Release FSIS-RC-008-2009 CLASS I RECALL HEALTH RISK: HIGH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2009 - Lucy's Enterprises, Inc., a Kent, Wash., establishment, is recalling approximately 13,776 pounds of frozen, ground chicken products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels]

• 16-ounce packages of "Trader Joe's, Chile Lime Chicken Burgers," with the date code "3158" embossed on the side of the box. Each package contains four chicken burgers.

Each label bears "P-8276" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced on Nov. 10, 2008, and were distributed to Trader Joe's supermarkets nationwide.

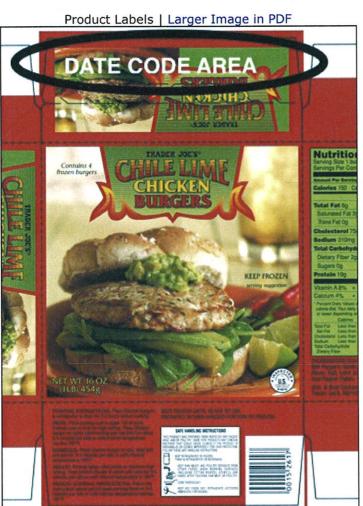
The problem was discovered after the company received consumer complaints about finding pieces of plastic and bone material in the product. FSIS has not received any consumer complaints or reports of injury at this time. Anyone concerned about an injury from consumption of the products should contact a physician.

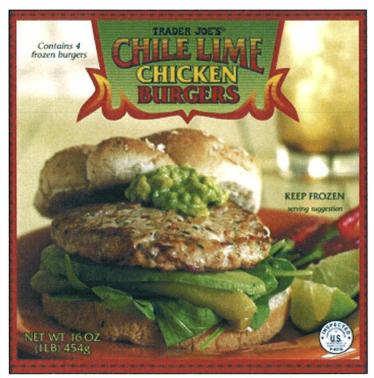
Media with questions about the product should contact the Customer Relations Department at Lucy Enterprises at (253) 872-0783. Customers with questions about the product should call Trader Joe's at (626) 599-3817.



Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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USDA Recall Classifications	
Class I	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
Class II	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
Class III	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.